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Musings

By the Editor

Here's hopin', fellers! At long last there is a chance that the business man, large and small, is going to come into his own again. For seven long years we have been under the thumb of those "silly-eyed" reformers in Washinton who have managed to raise heck with every thing they touched. And if it wasn't so serious, it would be a huge joke to see how suddenly they called on business to pull us through with the defense program. And even Mr. Roosevelt had to call on a former war secretary and secretary of state and also on the man who ran for vice-president four years ago to take places in his cabinet in order to get things done.

It is our bet that the Democrats will nominate Roosevelt for a third term. If they don't, who in the dickens else is there in that crowd who would stand a ghost of a show against Wilkie. And if they do, they are going to find that they are going to be still more up against it. The American people are coming out of the coma in which that golden radio voice put them and are not going to be misled much longer. Seven years of "trial and error" (mostly error) with most of their wild dreams proving dismal failures, have been more than plenty for most of us.

It was interesting to note with what eagerness and new hope the Republican central committee got together the other day and started the ball rolling for the fall campaign. The nomination of Wilkie and McNary put new life into the old party and we expect they will be busier than cats on a tin roof from now to November. If those nominations have the same effect all over the country it's going to be a skinch, folks.

One hundred and sixty-four years ago today a group of men met in Independence Hall in the city of Philadelphia and adopted that famous document beginning with these words: "When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them to another, . . ." and the second paragraph starting: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; . . ."

Today that principle is being put to the test as never before. All Europe is at war—the dictators are trying their best to destroy the democracies. And America must be prepared to defend itself and its principles with all the might necessary. Brute force is at large in the world. America has declared she will be independent of that force and has set about arming herself to implement that declaration. But declarations and arms can do nothing by themselves. It is resolve behind intent and citizens behind arms that make a declaration good—today as in 1776.

We must remember that in matters of national defense there are burdens to be borne, sacrifices to be made and parts to be played by every decent citizen. We need many things today, but none more than the old resolve running in a blaze across the land. We need, each of us, the fire and faith of our ancestors. We must "mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." The words are old, and as out of style as buff-and-blue. But today, as then, they are the words of Freedom.

While it is perhaps too late to do much good, we want to express the hope that this will be at least a SAFE Fourth. Safe from fires started by careless smokers or from firecrackers or fireworks; safe from automobile accidents; safe for all those who today are celebrating somewhere in the county.

We want to say a word about the incessant spreading of rumors and gossip about "fifth column" activities in our community. Every day someone whispers in our ear, "Did you hear that so-and-so refused to salute the flag," or "Such-a-One has been under suspicion by the FBI for pro-Nazi activities," and so on, ad nauseum. It's all very well to keep our eyes peeled for REAL activities which may be harmful to our country, but for Heaven's sake keep your

BONDS AUTHORIZED FOR GYMNASIUM BY LARGE VOTE

By a vote of 70 to 39 the property owners of the Central Point school district decided Tuesday to bond the district in the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of building a new gymnasium on the ground secured from the city last year across the street from the high school building. A special bond election was held at the high school Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 7 with 109 votes being cast. The election board consisted of A. E. Powell, H. J. Fleischer and Pearl Bonney, Judges, and Miss Arlene Hay, clerk.

Bids were called for some time ago and as soon as the necessary legal procedure in regard to the issuing of the bonds is completed the contract will be let. It is thought that work will start on the new building within the next two or three weeks. It is hoped to have the new gym ready for use in time for this year's school term.

The new gymnasium is to be a frame building with concrete foundation and built-up roof. The main floor is to be 102 feet by 76 feet. This provides for a basketball court 50 by 90 feet with ample seating space on each side. Permanent bleachers are provided on one side only. Knock-down bleachers will be used on the other side. This will permit the use of cross courts for gym classes. The floor will be of maple. The building will be completely ceiled inside with recessed lights in the ceiling. The permanent bleachers will be slightly above the floor level and will be set off from the main floor with a protecting wall.

There will be a stage on the north end with dressing rooms on each side. Lavatory and toilet facilities are provided in the dressing rooms. Auditorium seating space will accommodate 800 to 1000.

On the west, two entrances are provided with ticket rooms and ticket windows.

Along the east side will be the main dressing rooms. Beginning at the south end will be a public toilet for men; a visiting team dressing room, equipment room, with toilet and shower for the physical education director; boys' shower room, boys' locker room with toilet and lavatory; a band room is provided for band and orchestra lessons. Next is the girls' shower room, locker room, furnace room, and public toilet for women, also private shower room for girls' physical education director.

A forced hot-air system will be used for heating the building.

Space does not permit a detailed description of other parts of the plan. However, the building will be complete in every detail with all the necessary features of a structure of this kind.

Special Meetings at Federated Church

Dr. John R. Hubbard of Los Angeles is holding meetings at the Federated church. Dr. Hubbard is connected with Los Angeles Bible Institute. On Friday night July 5th Dr. Hubbard will meet with all former Bible Institute students and those who are contemplating attending the Institute. This meeting will be in the form of a Fellowship's Supper at 6:00 P.M., followed by the closing service conducted by Dr. Hubbard in the Church auditorium.

Delbert Ayers left for Lake of the Woods Wednesday to be with the Boy Scouts. He will have charge of the water front.

mouths shut. If you have reason to KNOW of any such things, don't blab it all over town—just take your story to the proper officers and leave your name and address. We haven't a bit of sympathy with those who will slip up to an officer and whisper "Blank has been doing so-and-so, but don't tell anyone I told you" and then expect the officer to arrest the party forthwith. If you haven't the nerve to stand behind your accusations, don't make them.

We commend the action of the city council in acceding to the request of one of the patriotic societies of the city by voting to fly the flag over the city hall every day. We are not ashamed of Old Glory and would like to see it flying over every public building in the country.



4th of July, 1940

By Susan Thayer

The flags will be flying, fire crackers popping and mothers hurrying around packing picnic baskets with such things as fried chicken, stuffed eggs, chocolate cake.

But all over this broad, beautiful land, 4th of July this year will mean more than picnics and fire crackers; more even than bands and parades and patriotic speeches. It will mean serious consideration, for the first time in many people's lives, of the things for which this great American holiday stands.

It was set aside as a special day because on July 4, 1776 a document known as the Declaration of Independence written by that far-seeing American patriot Thomas Jefferson was made public to the 13 struggling colonies. And what did that Declaration mean?

The Encyclopedia Britannica says—"by this declaration a state, for the first time in history, founded its life on democratic idealism pronouncing governments to exist for securing the happiness of the people and to derive their just power from the consent of the governed."

This country of ours, whose government was established "for securing the happiness of the people" has functioned so successfully in the 164 years since the Declaration of Independence was adopted that it might seem no one would question what the Encyclopedia calls our "democratic idealism" today. But the fact is that never before in this century and a half has the American system been under such fire as it is today. With more than half of the world embracing the servile doctrines of totalitarianism our own freedom, as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, is threatened.

If there is to be freedom in any country, it must rest upon a three-

fold foundation, one side of which is representative democracy—another, those civil liberties such as freedom of speech, the press and religion and the third—free business enterprise. Let any of these three sides be weakened and freedom itself will collapse.

Today no power within our own boundaries seriously threatens our form of government nor our civil liberties, but business enterprise has already been seriously curtailed and further restrictions on our American system of industry might easily result in the overthrow of freedom itself.

And so this year, as we celebrate 4th of July, let us declare once more our belief in the American doctrine that "all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights." And in spite of the growing belief in many other countries that individual men and women are unimportant and the state supreme, let us remind ourselves of those inalienable rights which you remember are "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." And let us recognize the fact that we must be ready to make every effort to preserve the triangular foundation on which rests our American freedom that guards these "inalienable rights!"

Field Representative In Valley For Week

C. M. Johns, field representative for the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, will remain in Medford for another week. While in this vicinity Mr. Johns is making his headquarters at the local employment office on North Fir street, where all claims and other employment matters are handled.

Quarterly payments to the jobless insurance fund are due this month.

Pro-America Hears Medford Attorney

George M. Roberts, Medford attorney, was guest speaker at one of the largest meetings of Pro-America, National Republican Women's organization, ever held in Medford Monday.

Fifty members turned out for the luncheon session and heard Mr. Roberts present an interesting resume of the life and work of presidential Republican nominee, Wendell Wilkie. The lawyer also spoke regarding the recent Republican national convention held at Philadelphia and explained how delegates are chosen for the convention.

The speaker particularly stressed the interesting fact that Mr. Wilkie's nomination was definitely the will of the people and was taken out of the "hands" of politics.

At the conclusion of the attorney's talk, Mrs. C. M. Hurd presented excerpts from an article entitled "Let Us Act Our Age" by Roger Burlingame. She enlightened the group on the act that America has had one form of government for more consecutive years than any other nation and that the United States is functioning under the oldest document in the world—the Constitution.

Mrs. Raymond Driver presided at the particularly enthusiastic session. A number of ladies from this city attended the luncheon.

Clark Family Has Pleasant Reunion

The Fourth Annual Reunion of the Clark family was held at Suttle Lake, Oregon.

The reunion celebration included three brothers, four sisters and their respective families making a total of 58 in all, coming from all parts of the state and California.

After a bounteous picnic dinner was enjoyed Mr. Ellis Clark of Central Point, President, conducted a short business meeting which included the election of officers. Those elected were Claude Clark of Ashland, Oregon, president and Mrs. Ruth Clark of Central Point, secretary.

The seven Clark brothers and sisters are Frank of Medford, Claude of Ashland, Ellis Clark of Central Point, Molly Neale of Central Point, Phoebe Ward of Hugo, Cora Wallace of Condon, and Bell Livingston of Portland.

The reunion next year will be held at Bend, Oregon.

So what?—

"It never troubles the sun that some of its rays fall wide and vain into ungrateful space, and only a small part on the reflecting planet. Thou art enlarged by thine own shining."—R. W. Emerson.

Ockerman and Tharpe looking down on the Central Point people Tuesday.

Mrs. Ayers throwing money around Tuesday instead of bombs.

The same hat that went careening wildly down Sixth street in Medford last week, on the way down south Riverside this week catching on a branch of an over-hanging rose bush and swinging in the air as its wearer walked out from under. If in doubt of this inquire at the Cooksey Motor Co.

ELECTION BOARD SIDELIGHTS.

H. J. Fleischer bragging about that new grandson Allen Robert, saying he had never seen but three as babies as he was, also that he was a month old that very day. By the way Mr. Fleischer has three children himself.

George Marsh puzzled as to how to vote if they got the new gym, it might make a lot of extra work for him, on the other hand they might give him assistant.

Edward Vincent trying to steal the ballot box.

Fred Hesselgrave passing out cigars.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Merritt going home to sell some lambs and coming back with some more money.

Guy Tex bring up his only grandchild Linda Kay to start her education early in the proper way to vote.

Mrs. Dorland saying they were voting all kind of money for war supplies.

Mr. Dorland and daughter Lois staying home and keeping the home fire burning while Mrs. Dorland and brother and sister spent a month on a trip to Kansas.

SHASTA-CASCADE COUNTIES BENEFIT FROM INFORMATION

That every county in the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland will benefit from an almost continuous flow of eastern tourists and California vacationists this season as one direct result of the Shasta-Cascade exhibit and building on Treasure Island is indicated in reports received from Treffe R. LaSenay, building manager. According to La Senay more than sixty parties of from two to six persons have been routed into the Shasta-Cascade region via U. S. highway 99 and to some extent from Highway 101 over 299 to connect with 99. Out of State parties are returning home from the fair and will tour the Wonderland en route, making side trips to Mt. Shasta, Modoc Lava Beds, Castle Crags Park, Burney Falls, Rogue River Valley, Crater Lake National Park and the Warner mountains.

Eastern tourists routed thru the Wonderland recently from the Shasta-Cascade building included Mr. and Mrs. C. E. MacQuigg of Columbus, Ohio; Darrell McCormick and party Thurman Iowa; H. E. Putnam and party, Tunkhannock, Pa.; Leo De Vere and party, Olympia, Washington; A. E. Dierks and party, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, Wellsburg, West Virginia; Otto Butler and party, Austin, Minn.

In addition, forty groups from San Francisco bay area have been into and through the Wonderland region for their vacations this year. Interest in outdoor recreation is decidedly on the increase, according to La Senay, and many of the visitors routed into the region have expressed the intention of inquiring in various localities as to investments.

LeRoy St. Arnold of Lakeview visited his parents for a couple of days. LeRoy has a wrecking yard in Lakeview.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoover, Supt. Miss Lysie Gregory, Primary Supt.
Communion and preaching, 11 a. m.
Special music by the choir.
Christian Endeavor 7:00 p. m.
Evangelistic service 8:00 p. m. Special music. Solo by Mrs. Virginia Bohmert. Sermon subject: "Getting Low."

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Leader, Milton Houston. Snowball religion melts in July, but true religion blossoms and bears fruit.

FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. C. R. Luther Pastor
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9:45 A. M.—Bible School. Mr. Wm Kamberg, superintendent.
11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. A message by the pastor, "Israel's National Justification and God's Conciliation Toward Them"
7:00 P. M.—Christian Endeavor. Both Junior and Senior societies.
8:00 P. M.—Evangelistic service—Message by the pastor, "Our Christian Conduct."
Monday, 7:30 P. M.—Men's Prayer Meeting.
Thursday—2 P. M.—Ladies' Aid.
Thursday—8 P. M.—Choir Practice.
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A rousing Independence Day at Treasure Island is in the making. Parades and pageantry will play their part and here is the color guard of the 36th Infantry marking time in front of the U. S. Army bomber which stands in the foreground of the Federal Colonnades at the fair.